

REMARKS

At the outset, the applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Minnifield for her time and for her helpful comments during a telephonic interview conducted on September 7, 2005. The undersigned and the Examiner discussed the Advisory Action mailed August 12, 2005. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that the response filed on July 7, 2005 failed to place the application in condition for allowance because the pending claims still recite the "an amino acid sequence" language and as a result the anticipation rejections still apply.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that amending the phrase "an amino acid sequence" in applicable claims to "the amino acid sequence" would place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner further indicated that such an amendment would not create an antecedent basis problem. The applicants herein file this supplemental response amending the phrase "an amino acid sequence" recited in claims 27, 28, and 30-32 to "the amino acid sequence." Pending claims 11-13, 19-21, and 27-36 are believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

A petition for two months extension of time accompanies this response so that the response will be deemed to have been timely filed. If any other extension of time is required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to the Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is due in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to the same Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,



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